Sri C. M. POONACHA.—There are a few plots of land in Bangalore which are now with the Defence Department but which do not actually vest with them and negotiations have been started and we have now got back the plot called the Corner House Plot and another area of about 50 acres occupied by the Headquarters, I.A.F. Recruitment Team, will be handed over to the State Government very shortly. We have received information to the effect that they are makingarrangements to move the Head-quarters to transfer those lands back to us.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What are the items of property which are permanently committed to be the property of the Government of India and what are the areas or items of properties over which we have still got a right and which we can get back?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—The schedules A and B are lengthy. I would therefore refer my Hon'ble friend to the notification of this date. Still if he wants them, I will make a copy of the notification available to him.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—So far as the two items of properties are concerned, one is occupied by the I.A.F. Training Command opposite or behind the Residency. The other item is on the Mahatma Gandhi Road occupied now by the Cricket Ground or what they call the Officers' Mess. These two items of properties are being used by the Government of India. I would like to know what is the kind of commitment the Government of Mysore has entered into in regard to these properties?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—So far as these two items of properties are concerned, one, namely, the South Parade Plot vests with the Government of India permanently.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Have we got any hold on them or are we permanently committed to the Government of India so far as they are concerned?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—So far as the area occupied by the Headquarters of the I.A.F. next to the Residency is concerned, negotiations have been completed and the Government of India have agreed to transfer them back to us. So far as the Corner House Plot is concerned, that has been agreed to be handed over to us.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That has been handed over during my time.

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—These are the two items of properties which do not find a place in the schedule appended to the notification to which I have already referred and the other items of properties are enumerated in the respective schedules of the notification and they are the permanent properties of the Government of India in the Defence Department. Whether they are properly utilised or not is a matter which is their concern and we have not very much to say about it.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Now that the Government was pleased to say that these properties vest with the Government of India, at the time of vesting these properties with the Government of India, has the Government of Mysore been compensated in any form by way of exchange of land or by way of money?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—They belong to the Government of India. These lands were held by the Crown Representative, *i.e.*, the Viceroy and the Governor General and at the time of retrocession they were reserved and subsequently they vested with the Government of India. Till then they were held by the Government of India and they continue to be so.

Oath administered by Chief Minister to the Deputy Ministers.

Q.—1209. Sri U. S. NAYAK (Udipi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister administered the oath of office and secrecy to the three Deputy Ministers?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—The Chief Minister administered the oath of secrecy but not the oath of office.

Sri U. S. NAYAK.—Was the oath administered by means of delegated power ?

*Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I have got the power to administer the oath.

Sri U. S. NAYAK.—Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to say the article of the Constitution under which the oath was administered ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I will look into it and tell him.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Article 165 empowers oath of secrecy to be administered by the Government. Under what provision of the Constitution can the Chief Minister administer the oath of office or of secrecy to the Deputy Ministers ? I would like to know the provision of the Constitution under which this privilege was exercised ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I think there are orders to that effect. I will look into the matter and tell him.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—The Chief Minister administered the *Oath of Secrecy*, but not the Oath of Office. May I know the difference between the two, Sir ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—It is obvious, Sir.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—There was a ruling given by the Chair in the same House, to the effect that the Chief Minister was entitled to administer the Oath of Secrecy. I want to know specifically the difference. What is meant by Oath of Secrecy and what is meant by the Oath of Office ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I cannot be expected to give answers to these questions, Sir. It is quite obvious, because he holds the office of a Deputy Minister, it is the Oath of Secrecy. If he is administered the oath of Office, he would be able to participate in the proceedings of both Houses. In regard to this, I can only refer to the very elaborate ruling which the Chair was pleased to give on the 12th July last year.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—If the Oath of Secrecy is administered, they have responsibility to the extent of being secret in official matters. May we understand that they do not hold any office, ?Sir

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—They do hold the office of Deputy Ministers.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is it not necessary that they should be administered the Oath of Office, Sir ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—On this point, I have given a ruling long back. If the Oath of Office is administered by the Governor, the Deputy Ministers will have the right to sit in both Houses. If it is not so, though they will be called as Deputy Ministers, they will be in the nature of Parliamentary Secretaries. They will sit in the House of which they are members. That is the ruling I have given.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question No. 1331. Member absent.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Sir, though the Hon'ble Member is not present, if the Chair is pleased to put the question, I would like to put a supplementary.

Mr. SPEAKER.—After all, in every case, I should not be made a scape goat. In very rare cases which are considered to be of very great importance I can do so. Of course, I can understand the Hon'ble Member Sri Shankar Rao considering it very important.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—We are all lawyers and we are interested in the profession and therefore, I wanted to put a supplementary.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I was also a practising lawyer. I am a lawyer even now though I do not practise. I do not see that it is of such importance as to merit the intervention of the Chair.

Supply of Medicines, etc., to Government Hospital at Kollegal.

Q.—1440. Smt. KEMPAMMA (Kollegal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount provided for the Government Hospital at Kollegal towards purchase of Medicine, etc., after the merger of Kollegal with the New Mysore State ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the former Madras Government used to